



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**March 10, 2010**

**SANTA BARBARA GOLF CLUB, 3500 MCCAWE AVENUE**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moldaver called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Moldaver, Natasha Lohmus, Roger Schlueter, Paul Bullock, Betsy Weber, Daniel Wilson

Committee members absent: None

Liaison members present: Councilmember Michael Self; Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan

Liaison members absent: Park and Recreation Commissioner Daniel Hochman

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Program Assistant Julie Kahrnoff, Creeks Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith, Creeks Restoration Planner George Thomson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak

**SITE VISIT**

**Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration and Storm Water Management Project  
and the Santa Barbara Golf Club Safety Improvement Project**

Recommendation:

That the Creeks Advisory Committee visit sites on the golf course related to the Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration and Storm Water Management Project and the Santa Barbara Golf Club Safety Improvement Project.

Speakers:

George Thomson, Creeks Restoration Planner

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Mr. Thomson led a tour of the project site and discussed project elements, timing, and funding with the Committee.

**Ms. Self arrived at 5:13pm**

**Ms. Weber arrived at 5:18pm**

**Ms. Self left at 5:58pm**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee members Bullock/Lohmus to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2010 as amended.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0; Wilson abstained.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Benson noted a letter he received from City Planner Bettie Weiss announcing an open house and the availability of draft documents for the City's General Plan Update (PlanSB); and, that he would like to set up a Watershed Subcommittee meeting to review the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Mr. Wilson noted that he would like to continue as liaison to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee and the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project Design Review Subcommittee; and, suggested the Committee appoint an alternate.

**8. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Education and Outreach Update**

Recommendation: That the Committee:

1. Review revisions to the Creeks Division's Public Education Plan;
2. Approve the Staff and Subcommittee recommendation to adopt the Public Education Plan as amended.

Documents:

Staff Report – March 2010

PowerPoint Presentation – March 2010

Speakers:

Liz Smith, Creeks Outreach Coordinator

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Mr. Schlueter suggested the word "measurable" in the plan report be changed to a more appropriate word or deleted.

Committee members asked whether the Creeks Division receives any feedback on creek signage.

Mr. Benson noted that the Creeks Division receives a lot of positive feedback from the interpretive signs at Arroyo Burro and asked the Committee what their thoughts were on Creek Signage examples presented.

Mr. Wilson suggested the Arroyo Burro signage is more sophisticated whereas the O'Bannon Creek sign example is too cute.

Committee members asked how the Creek Stewardship program operates.

Mr. Benson reported that initially the Creek Stewardship program began solely with volunteers from the public, and has now progressed to work with local businesses, schools, or other groups that make a commitment to participate in a stewardship project, and then invite the general public to participate as well.

Mr. Wilson suggested Earth Day would be a good time to promote the Creek Stewardship program.

Committee members asked whether there has been any improvement in pet waste pollution since implementing the mutt mitt program.

Ms. Lohmus noted from personal experience that the mutts mitt bags disappear faster and there is less pet waste on walking paths.

Mr. Benson noted that the Creeks Division along with the Parks Division is working to keep the mutt mitt dispensers stocked.

Mr. Moldaver suggested the Creeks Division look into new ideas for video and radio. Such as, a competition among high school and college students to create a creeks video with awards for the winners.

Mr. Wilson noted that he approves of the Outreach Program, but reminded the Committee he would still like to see more emphasis on private home owner outreach and technical assistance in the Creek Tree Program.

Motion:

Committee members Wilson/Weber to approve the staff and subcommittee recommendation to adopt the Public Education Plan as amended.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Committee members Bullock/Wilson to adjourn.

Chair Moldaver adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager